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PROPOSED PORT ON INDIAN RIVER

Such a Harbor Might Tend to Construction of Railway Across State From Coast to Coast.

A matter of some importance is the agitation of citizens of the Indian River section for improvements to be made at St. Lucie inlet in order that a harbor may be secured, and while this subject so deeply appeals to residents of that region, it should also prove interesting to people on this side of the State.

Should such a harbor be made it would offer inducement in the future to railway builders to run a line of road across the State, probably from Tampa to the new port, with such branches as may seem necessary to the builders for profitable trade.

A railway traversing the proposed route would quickly open a fertile country, and would be the most direct route for shipment of phosphate, timber and naval stores.

The Cocoa News says:

"This editor is informed that the coral reef outside this inlet, which has

a depth of six feet of water at low tide is really the only obstacle in the way of having deep water; for outside this reef there is an abrupt fall to forty feet depth and if an opening could be dynamited through this coral reef just opposite the inlet the out-flowing current would soon scour the sand to the depth of the reef bottom, this doing away with the necessity for dredging.

"It seems practicable to secure an expert and sufficient dynamite to blow an opening of one hundred feet width and twenty to thirty feet depth in that coral reef that lies across the present inlet, and make a permanent deep entrance there.

"Concentrated action among the Indian River people and a strong petition to Congressman Frank Clark will probably prove successful in securing the services of the Government engineers and including this important inlet in the appropriation."

BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Postal Authorities Will Investigate Request for Railway Clerks.

That the effort to secure better mail facilities on the Charlotte Harbor division of the A. C. L., may result in success, appears hopeful.

Petitions on this subject have been forwarded from various places along the line, and J. L. Jones, of this city, who wrote to Congressman Sparkman concerning the matter, has received a letter from him, stating that he had taken up the question with the postal authorities, and submitting an answer from W. S. Shallenberger, Second Assistant Postmaster General, who said that the petition asking for the establishment of railway post office service on trains 88 and 40, between Tampa and Fort Myers would be investigated by the department at once.

It is hoped that favorable action will be taken, as it would be a convenience and benefit to many persons.

Christian Endeavor Convention.

The eleventh annual convention of the Polk and DeSoto Christian Endeavor, district of the Florida Union, which was held Sept 29th to Oct 1st, was a signal success.

Winter Haven is a village rich in nature's gifts, which were enjoyed to the fullest extent by the delegates, of whom there were a larger number than for several years.

Missions was perhaps the strongest, most enthusiastic feature of the well prepared program. There were addresses by President H. H. Goff, of the Presbyterian College, Eustis, and a returned missionary teacher from Africa. Of course a Baltimore delegate echoed for us. State President Annie and Asst. Junior Supt. Miss Nett, were present and served the convention loyally and royally.

In the opening session, greetings were read from Treasurer Shaw, of Boston, and eleven of the twelve officers of the State C. E. Union. The Presbyterian church, in which all sessions were held, was adorned with the banners of the State Union and the Japanese Increase banner, the latter receiving the most attention.

Four meals were served in the church dining room, so there was no excuse for unsociability.

Among the officers chosen for the ensuing year are some well-known workers. Rev. B. Q. Dunham, of Auburn, Mass., our new president, was till recently the pastor of a large Christian church in New York city, and brings experience from C. E. service both in New York and Kansas. Rev. H. Keigwin, of Orlando, Presbyterian Missionary for Florida, commences his second year as field secretary. The other officers are: Vice-Pres., Harley Morse, Lakeland; Junior Supt., Miss Mary B. Palmer, Lakeland; Treasurer, Prescott Blood, Winter Haven, and Secretary, Miss Grace Townsend, Avon Park.

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Will Attack Buckman Bill.

Judge Hendry of Lake City is in Tallahassee in consultation with Attorney General Ellis. The citizens of Lake City whom he represents, will probably institute legal proceedings to test the constitutionality of the Buckman bill.

The refusal of the State Board of Education to convey the equipment of the University of Florida, as agreed at a meeting of the joint boards, July 24, is the cause of great dissatisfaction.

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But Suggestions of Tidiness, That Would Be Well to Follow.

New York Tobacco: "The sandy surface of Florida is peculiarly adapted by nature to readily take care of the great rainfall of this semi-tropical gulf region. The soil takes in the rain much as a sponge absorbs water, and about as readily. In an hour or so after a heavy downpour no trace of it can be seen. There are no muddy streets in any city or village of south Florida, and there is rarely any dust except on paved streets. The moist air, heavy dews and ability of the soil to retain moisture, together keep vegetation in a flourishing state of greenness, and there is never any appearance of drought, with dried up fields like the pasture lands of Canada and the New England states in July and August, when rain is infrequent.

"Florida is robed in green the year round. It has not the close-shaven, clean-cropped surface so pleasing to the traveler through the up-country states. Indeed, it looks as if a hair-cut would improve the general appearance of the peninsula, so rank and prevalent are the weeds, and so general the jungle character of the woods and river sections. Yes, and the villages and cities as well.

"But Florida is rapidly 'slicing up' these days. It would be greatly to the benefit of the entire state if the sensible methods of many of the tourist states of the north—Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, for instance—were copied, and there was a 'slicing up' every year, together with the addition of more comfortable accommodation, and more pleasing efforts in the line of enjoyment for their crowd of visitors. Florida's great winter tourist contingent probably outnumber the summer crowd in any of the resort states of the north, and it is rapidly increasing from year to year. Neat, tidy cities, villages and surroundings, good roads and creature comforts are powers in winning favor, in bringing the visitors back another year, accompanied by many of their friends."

Another Enemy of the Orange.

St. Myers Press: Mr. E. L. Evans, who makes a study of the orange, has recently discovered a new enemy in this section to the orange tree. It is a borer that digs through the bark and into the trunk an inch or two, making a hole as large as the head of a pin, and kicking out a stream of fine sawdust. The borer covers the trunk with these punctures until it finally girdles the tree, causing it to die. While examining a tree where the borer was at work, in company with Mr. Evans and Walter Langford, the little live gimlet was discovered. He proved to be a quarter inch in length, and looked like a small beetle. A sure way to detect this new orange tree enemy at work, is to look for the sawdust at the base of the tree. The Press would like to learn if this borer has been discovered elsewhere.

Appoints J. Emmet Wolfe.

Gov. Broward has appointed J. Emmet Wolfe as his secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of M. A. Brown as sheriff of Duval county.

Wolfe's most noted claim to fame was running as an independent candidate against Holloway for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, being overwhelmingly beaten.

To Consumers of Stock Feed

Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture of Florida sends out the following advice to users of stock feed, and emphasizes the danger which results from adulteration with rice hulls:

For your own guidance and protection I again desire to call your attention to the "pure feed law" enacted by the last legislature. If you will carefully study this law, and then accept the opportunities presented by same, it will soon enable this department to force adulterated, inferior and in some instances, dangerous and even fatal (to stock) feed from our market.

Section 9 of said law reads as follows:

"Sec. 9. Any person purchasing any commercial feeding stuff from any manufacturer or vendor in this State for his own use, such person being a citizen of this State, may submit fair samples of said commercial feeding stuff to the Commissioner of Agriculture for analysis. But in order to protect the manufacturer or vendor from the submission of spurious samples for analysis, the person selecting the same shall do so in the presence of two or more disinterested persons, which sample shall be taken from one or more packages, placed in a bottle or can, and sealed in the presence of said witnesses, and this same package, bottle or can, placed in the hands of a disinterested person who shall forward the same, at the expense of the purchaser, to the Commissioner of Agriculture, and upon the receipt by him of such sample package, the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorized to require the State Chemist to

analyse the same, and he shall return to such purchaser or purchaser a certificate or certificates of analysis. The certificate shall in all cases set forth the component parts of said commercial feed stuffs, with their respective quantities, dates of analysis, and the name or names of the person or persons submitting the samples, and to be signed by the State Chemist, who is hereby required to keep an accurate account of the same, and the said certificate or record, when verified by the affidavit of the State Chemist, shall be competent evidence in any court of law or equity in this State."

You who buy feed should certainly take advantage of the privileges granted in the above quoted section of the law. This department stands ready at all times to make these analyses promptly and through this medium you may ascertain whether or not you are getting what you pay for—whether or not the feeds you buy are as represented or whether they are adulterated—whether they will fatten your beef, make muscles for your team, or whether they will kill them. This word "kill" may sound exaggerated but it is not at all out of place as will be seen from the attached. It is an established fact that rice hulls and rice chaff are fatal when used even as adulterants.

The manufacturers and dealers are required by law (Sec. 3) to print on their tags, as a part of their guarantee the ingredients from which the feed is compounded.

B. E. McLIN,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

ARCADIANS ABROAD

Two Energetic Citizens Who are Always Praising Their Home Town.

The Jacksonville Times-Union of last Friday had the following:

"Walter Graham, of Arcadia, an erstwhile newspaper man, who has sought other fields where fortune smiles with a greater degree of generosity, was in the city yesterday, on his way from New York, where he has been for some time closing out a deal for real estate in DeSoto county. Mr. Graham has made a remarkable success in real estate in that county, and is now numbered among the most successful men of his State. He left last night for home, after a pleasant meeting with a number of his friends at the Aragon Hotel.

"John H. Treadwell, a prominent attorney of Arcadia, was in the city yesterday and spent some time at the Aragon Hotel. Mr. Treadwell has been a resident of Arcadia for fifteen years, and was there when the DeSoto county boom first started. He has made a remarkable success, and has taken advantage of every opportunity which the remarkable resources of that county offered. 'We have grown space, down there,' said Mr. Treadwell last night, 'and we are hardly out of the kindergarten yet. If you accept what there is to come as a criterion.'

FLORIDA ORANGES

When in Good Condition Meeting With Excellent Sales.

The Packer under New York date of Oct. 14, says:

"Receipts of Florida oranges and grapefruit have been so meagre that up to the present time a quotation has hardly been established. So far both oranges and grapefruit have arrived very green. Weather conditions have been somewhat adverse to the satisfactory handling of the fruit as the temperature has been too warm.

"California oranges are now so very high that Florida stock meets with excellent sale regardless of its condition. The receipts of Florida oranges are now probably several hundred boxes a week. \$1.50 to \$3.00 is the range of values at the present time for good oranges. Fruit that is well enough matured without being taken through the ripening process would sell readily at a handsome premium over these figures. Grapefruit ranges in value from two to three dollars per box."

Real Estate Change.

S. J. Simmons has sold the property where he has his store to J. J. Heard. This is one of the most attractive sites in the city and it is the intention of Mr. Heard to erect a two-story brick building there some time during the coming year.

AUDIENCE HISSSED THE "CLANSMAN"

Strenuous Time of Thomas Dixon at Columbia, S. C., on Account of His Famous Play.

The appearance in Columbia, S. C., of the "Clansman," Thomas Dixon's new play which deals with the reconstruction period under negro rule in South Carolina, was the most largely attended of any that has been presented there in recent years.

The play was given last Saturday night and that the large attendance was not due to approval of the drama was manifest by the hissing of the auditors throughout the performance. This, however, was more especially emphasized when at the end of the first scene in the third act, after scattering calls, the author made his appearance in front of the curtain.

Immediately there came hisses from all parts of the theatre mingled with hand clapping and it was full two minutes before Mr. Dixon could proceed. The manner in which the author conducted himself in the face of the embarrassing situation made friends for him. After referring pleasantly to the fact that there had been friendly criticism of his play, he told of his close ties in South Carolina.

He said he would give \$1,000 to any person who would point out an historical inaccuracy in the play. He is not afraid of the truth, he said, "God ordained the Southern white man to teach the lessons of Aryan supremacy."

In concluding, he said that he had always observed that there are two divisions in the South, those who would hiss and those who would applaud the ones who are trying to portray the true ideals of the South.

"There were sea-laws then and there are sea-laws now," he said very pointedly amid uproarious applause.

But this was not all. The unusual spectacle of prominent young men gathered in front of the author's hotel, with hostile intent, was witnessed at an early hour Sunday morning. The performance was very long, it being almost midnight before it was concluded.

The young men sent a note to Mr. Dixon's room asking him to come down to see them. It cannot be said whether Mr. Dixon anticipated trouble with his callers, but their request was refused.

As if determined to acquaint the author with their sentiments of his play, the young men set about to prepare a note expressing their opinion, which was sent up to Mr. Dixon's room. Here the incident was closed.

The audience was composed almost entirely of white people, there being scarcely a dozen negroes in the gallery. From these there were no demonstrations. The auditors were all Democrats, so there could be no charge of partisanship.

PROGRAM FOR VISIT OF PRESIDENT

Jacksonville Will Be in Gala Attire on Saturday and Will Give Roosevelt Hearty Welcome.

Jacksonville Times-Union: President Roosevelt's visit to Jacksonville is to be made a memorable event, and the reception and entertainment accorded the Chief Executive of the United States will be the equal of any in other cities to be visited on his Southern trip.

President Garner, of the Jacksonville Board of Trade, is now here and a large share of the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the President has been delegated to him by the executive committee. The committee is satisfied that Captain Garner will attend to everything in his usual diplomatic manner, and that the reception will be a grand success.

President Roosevelt will arrive on a special train over the Southern Railway, direct from Atlanta, at 10:30 a. m. Saturday.

At the union station he is to be met by Governor Broward and staff, Mayor Nolan, President Garner, of the Board of Trade; the executive committee in charge of the arrangements and the general reception committee of one hundred, representing the State at large, the city of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Board of Trade.

The First Regiment of Infantry and the Artillery Corps, will be drawn up in line opposite the entrance to the depot and will present arms as the President approaches his carriage. The military will then be formed at the head of the procession and will act as special escort to the President. General Charles P. Lovell will be grand marshal of the day and will have entire charge of the parade.

In the President's carriage will be President Roosevelt and his secretary, Mr. William Loeb, Jr., and Governor N. B. Broward and Mayor George M. Nolan.

Immediately following the President's carriage will come the carriages of the other members of the President's party, arranged according to advance directions from the President's secretary.

Following will come the carriages containing United States Senators Taliaferro and Mallory and Congressmen Sparkman, Lamar and Clark, the personal staff of Governor Broward, the executive committee and the general reception committee of one hundred.

From the depot the procession move to the Semine Club block where the speechmaking will take place.

After the speaking the President to be escorted by the military and reception committee to the auditorium of the Board of Trade and will be the guest of that organization remainder of his visit.

An elegant luncheon is to be in the auditorium, and the President will be presented to the Board of Trade and by President Garner. That President Roosevelt's few remarks during the luncheon.

Shortly before 3 o'clock and party, under special committee to President of the Board start on a drive about

TO SCHOOL PATRONS

The Principal Requests Their Aid in Enforcing Regulations.

I desire herein to inform the patrons of the school that we do not begin work until 8:30, and that we had established a regulation that no pupil enter the school yard before 8:10, nor must the pupils congregate in the streets or in adjoining lots to the school ground before that hour, but on leaving home must come direct to school, and when dismissed must go home without loitering along the way.

We have established this rule to prevent the inevitable disturbances caused by some pupils when not under the control of a teacher, and that the pupils may utilize this time in preparing their school work.

We request the patrons that they see to it, that their children do not leave home before eight o'clock, and by so doing they will greatly aid us in maintaining the discipline of the school.

E. M. MURPHY, Prin.

Buildings for the Fair

Owing to a constantly increasing demand for space in the exposition buildings of the State Fair, to be held in Tampa, November 15 to the 30, the erection of several imposing buildings not at first contemplated has been necessary.

All buildings and fences on the grounds will be painted white and will present a magnificent appearance. The matter of selecting judges for the various departments is now being given serious attention by the directors.

Poultry breeders throughout the State will be pleased to learn that Mr. F. J. Marshall of College Park, Ga., one of the most experienced poultry judges in the country, will act as judge of the poultry department of the Fair.

Public Reading Room.

The public reading room in the old bank building was opened on Monday, and is proving a very attractive resting place.

It will be formally dedicated next Monday evening, and an interesting program, including music, is being arranged.

This room is the result of the effort several public spirited citizens who believed that such a resort would be of benefit to the many strangers now within the city.

It is well to suggest that aid be given this room. A telephone and ice water would be appreciated, while contributions of magazines, papers, etc., should not be neglected.

Reduced Rates to Jacksonville.

Via the Atlantic Coast Line account of visit of President Roosevelt, Oct. 21.

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets to Jacksonville at rate of one fare plus 25 cents. Tickets will be sold Oct. 20th with final limit Oct. 23d.

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bids. In a little while a large number

of laborers will be at work on this

stupendous enterprise. Mr. Flagler is

certainly a good friend of Florida."

Lashed for Insult to Woman.

Shortly after court adjourned at noon in St. Augustine, Monday, a sensational incident took place in front of the court house, when Louis Mickler of Diego attacked and severely horse-whipped Perry Green of Moultrie. Both men had attended the Osteen hearing, and when the two met outside Mickler pulled out a whip and lashed his victim terribly before he was stopped by outsiders.

It seems that Mickler had it in for Perry for an insulting letter the latter had written to Mickler's wife many years ago, and this was the first opportunity he had for revenge.

After the thrashing both parties went in opposite directions unmolested.

Thirteen Hundred 'Gators Less.

Fort Myers Press: Bill Brown's big ox wazons came in from the Big Cypress store on Tuesday, bringing in 1,270 'gator hides the largest number ever brought here at one time. It is only three weeks ago since 'Bill' brought in a shipment of over 600 hides. "Bill" says he is doing his best to get all the 'gators in the Everglades before Governor Broward carries out his drainage schemes. Bill sold his hides to R. A. Henderson, receiving a little over \$1,000 for this three week haul of hides.